



Municipality of French River

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

held in the Council Chambers
French River Municipal Complex
Wednesday, March 26, 2015 at 6pm

Members Present:

Mayor Claude Bouffard(Chair), Councillors Michel Bigras, Ronald Garbutt, Tammy Mitchell, Gisèle Pageau, Denny Sharp, Dean Wenborne

Members Excused:

Officials Present:

Mélanie Bouffard, Acting CAO/Clerk
Julie Bouthillette, Treasurer/Tax Collector
Robert Martin, Parks, Recreation & Facilities Manager
Brennan Kenny, Economic Development Manager
Linda Keenan, Library Chief Executive Officer
Jim Sartor, Public Works Superintendent
Jessica Van Duinkerken, Public Works & Environmental Administrative Assistant

Guests:

10 Guests

1. Call to order, roll call and adoption of the agenda

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Moved By: Ron Garbutt
Seconded By: Gisèle Pageau

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be accepted as distributed.

Carried

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

3. Budget Deliberation

Discussion on inclusion of Operational & Capital Items.

The membership to FCM for an amount of \$450.00 will not be renewed for the 2015.

The Treasurer explained the process to build the Capital Budget using the asset management plan, the prior year wish list and the current capital requests from Council and Department Heads.

Tangible capital asset reserves and operating reserves were reviewed to determine what can be used in the current year.

Budget vs Actual with projects and capital ending December 31st, 2014 printed March 21st, 2015 was distributed in order to have comparative figures.

Discussions on the capital portion of the budget concluded at 8:50pm, subsequently operational items were reviewed.

Council per diems of \$150 per day were discussed. The purpose of the per diems is to compensate missed wages, policy to be revisited or Council can refuse the per diem.

The next budget meeting where assessment and tax impact will be discussed will be held on April 7 at 6pm.

The audit has started, the preliminary financial statement results are looking into a surplus of approx. \$120,000 which is already committed to specific reserves. This clarifies inaccurate information of a deficit of \$650,000 which has been distributed about the 2014 surplus (deficit).

3.1 Resolution - Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) - Formula Based Funding Contribution Agreement - Allocation of \$25,000 per year for 2015-2017

Moved By: Ron Garbutt
Seconded By: Michel Bigras

Resol. 2015- 120

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby allocates the funds of \$25,000 from the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) - Formula Based Funding Contribution to:

Turenne Road

Carried

Moved By: Gisèle Pageau
Seconded By: Dean Wenborne

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the special meeting be adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Carried

MAYOR

CLERK